

BELTHORN VILLAGE COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held at 6.00 pm on Wednesday 4th February 2026
in The Dog Inn, Belthorn

Members Present: Cathryn McGurk Judith Hamilton Marianne Davies
 Tina Walker Lesley Kay Paul Ellwood

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1. 100 PLUS CLUB – FEBRUARY 2026 DRAW The February draw was made by Demi H. Winner of the 1st prize of £63.60, ticket number 58, Ruth and K Winner of the 2nd prize of £31.80, ticket number 86, Dom T Winner of the 3rd prize of £23.85, ticket number 83, Trevor C Winner of the 4th prize of £15.90, ticket number 18, Dean E	
2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – No apologies were received.	
3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST Interest was declared by Tina Walker in her capacity as a local councillor but there was nothing contentious on this month's agenda.	
4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING – 14th January 2026 The minutes of the meeting were agreed as a correct record.	
5. MATTERS ARISING <u>POGB</u> - An update is to be provided shortly. <u>Pond Bench</u> - Hyndburn Councillor Zak Khan had sourced funding to pay for a small bench to be placed in the cobbled area in front of the pond, in grateful thanks for all the support Councillor Marlene Haworth had given to villagers and to the village Committee. Tina advised that the bench had now been authorised and would be erected within two months by Hyndburn Council's Leisure department. <u>Recreation ground Footpath</u> – Marianne provided an update on the current situation. The contractor's quote had been received and agreed with LCC's Footpaths officer. £5,402 was the contractor's quote compared to over £13,000 from Lancashire Wildlife Trust. Marianne had contacted The National Lottery for advice on whether or not she could amend the original funding application but unfortunately another application would need to be submitted and discussion took place again about ownership of the footpath. Fortunately she was supported in her argument based on the previous advice given and confirmed by the	

Boundaries Commission employee. Marianne is now awaiting a response from the Footpath's officer before re-applying on-line for The Big Lottery funding. <u>Replacement Give Way sign on the B6232 Moors Road</u> Owing to extra traffic on the Grane Road and the major works taking place to improve motorway junction 5, Marianne had contacted LCC's Highways Department asking for the carriageway Give Way sign to be re-painted on the B6232 at the bottom of the village to make it easier for village traffic to leave and enter the village. Marianne had again chased LCC's Highways Team on progress and was told that the work had been ordered and was waiting for the Line team to do the work but with still no indication as to when it would be done.	
6. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED No correspondence had been received.	
7. TREASURER'S REPORT AND SOCIAL EVENTS EXPENDITURE Judith's Treasurer's latest report was circulated. Discussion took place around the amount of money raised this year compared to events outlay without the help of additional funding. Judith confirmed that the Syke mill manager had agreed to contribute to the village Committee funds towards Christmas for the two parties instead of a cheque going to the school for the Over 60s meals. The school staff were happy with this arrangement. At the end of this financial year (31st March) Judith agreed to calculate how much had been raised by the 100+ Club as she reports to the Charity Commission. It was agreed that more funding was needed. Marianne reported having applied to Tesco for help and was awaiting a response. Tina might receive a small personal amount as a Councillor which she would donate to the Village Committee towards a social event.	
8. SUMMER MARQUEE COMMITTEE EVENT IDEAS Tina reported that the Dog Inn Board had cancelled plans to arrange a marquee and various events mainly owing to lack of funding. Discussion therefore took place around funding in general and various ideas for if funding could be sourced for village events. <u>Easter Egg Hunt</u> - Judith confirmed that Clive Carroll would again arrange the traditional and popular Dog Inn Easter children's egg hunt.	
9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS There was no other business to discuss.	
10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – The next will take place at 6.00 pm on Wednesday 4th March 2026 in the Dog Inn.	